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**Subject:** RE: New Presidential Memorandum on scientific integrity and evidence-based policymaking

Thanks for this. The Memorandum is very exciting for all of us and I am happy to work with you on any aspect of its implementation. Can you please include me on the invite for the working group meetings? I think this will be helpful as we go forward.

Thanks again!!

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**Subject:** New Presidential Memorandum on scientific integrity and evidence-based policymaking

Hello everyone –

Please see the [new Presidential Memorandum](#) on scientific integrity and evidence-based policymaking. This memo directs agencies to make evidence-based decisions guided by the best available science and data. The memo reinvigorates the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and describes a wide array of actions designed to review and enhance scientific integrity at federal agencies. I expect that the Agency will hear from our Office of Science Advisor, Policy & Engagement soon. But we wanted to highlight a section specific to the Evidence Act Workgroup (Section 5). For one, the memo states that “the Evaluation Officer, the Chief Data Officer, and a senior statistical official, shall incorporate scientific-integrity principles consistent with this memorandum into agencies’ data governance and evaluation approaches.” As such, reviews of scientific integrity activities and policies will include reviews of our draft Policy for Evaluations and Other Evidence-Building Activities. We worked closely with EPA’s Science Integrity Official, Francesca Grifo, when developing the policy and look forward to continuing that collaboration. The attached draft of the policy is currently undergoing a consultation review by the Interagency Council on Evaluation Policy.

Also of interest to us is how the memo builds on the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. It charges OMB with issuing additional guidance on adoption of evidence-based policymaking and evidence-building plans (i.e., Learning Agendas), and considering if agencies should include in those plans “a broad set of methodological approaches for the evidence-based and iterative development and the equitable delivery of policies, programs, and agency operations.” It highlights data governance and charges agencies “to ensure governmental and non-governmental researchers can use Federal data to assess and evaluate the effectiveness and equitable delivery of policies and to suggest improvements.” The memo also directs the Chief Data Officers Council and the Evaluation Officer Council with identifying ways agencies can improve how they produce evidence for policymaking.

There are EO, CDO, SO council meetings already scheduled with OMB for today and in February. We will be in communication with you regularly as we learn more; and we will have time to discuss this memo on the Agenda of our next workgroup meeting scheduled on Tuesday, February 16 at 11:00am EST.

Best,

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